

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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October Services

Sunday, October 6

3rd Sunday of Luke
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, October 13

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Church
Orthos **8:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, October 20

6th Sunday of Luke
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Sunday, October 27

7th Sunday of Luke
Orthos **8:30am**
Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Bible Study

**Tuesday Oct 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
and 29th**

6:15pm – 7:30pm

Thursday Oct 10th and 24th

11:00am – 12:15pm

Jamming & Bible Study

Thursday October 17th

11:00am – 3:00pm

Elevators and Flashlights

The OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY can trace its origins to 1853, when Elisha Graves Otis introduced the first safety passenger elevator at the Crystal Palace Convention in New York City. His invention impressed spectators at the convention, and the first passenger elevator was installed in New York City in 1856. The elevator later revolutionized the transportation industry and changed the way cities were built.

I can appreciate a functioning elevator when entering a tall building and confess that I usually avoid the stairs. Unfortunately, I have found myself stuck without power in an elevator a half of a dozen times in my life. Being stuck in a pitch-black elevator is not an extremely pleasant experience, but we get through these things.

One time I was stuck with a stranger in an elevator; another time with my father and brother. Once I was stuck with one of my children in a dark and powerless elevator and several other times by myself.

Each and every time I have found myself trapped in a powerless elevator; my trusty flashlight saved the day.

It saved the day when I was trapped alone in an elevator. It saved the day when I was trapped with a stranger. It saved the day when trapped with one of my children as well as the day I was trapped with my father and brother.

The light, you see, that came from that flashlight illuminated the entire elevator. With that light, I was no longer trapped alone in the darkness. With the light I was able to see things for the way they were. The light also allowed me to access the emergency telephone which, for some reason, still operated.

Light...

It conquers the darkness every time. As the Gospel of John reads "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not (John 1:5)." In plain terms, darkness is powerless in the presence of the light.

Elevators and Flashlights, continued

The “Light” spoken of in the Gospel of John is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Light that shines forth in the darkness; the Light that exposes what lies in darkness within us all and the fallen world. He is the Light that is the Life of men.

May the Lord bless and keep us. May His face shine upon us.

Your brother in Christ the Lord,

Father Christopher Kolentsas

Donations

In Loving Memory of Helen Sarantopoulos,

Avgenia Rooney

In Loving Memory of Dimitri Duvli

Daniella Duvli Pappas

General Donation

John Markos

Annual Church Fund

George & Connie Markos

Melissa News

Our next Melissa meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 2nd** in the church hall beginning at **6:30pm**. New members are always welcome to attend.

Melissa Memorial and Coffee Hour

Come and honor your beloved Melissa family members who have passed during a memorial service and coffee hour to be held **on Sunday, October 27th**. This annual event, hosted by our Melissa Society, is sponsored in respect of those hard-working women who worked diligently to help our beloved church. The tradition continues.

Melissa Women’s Society Comfort Pack Project

Our next Melissa’s Women’s Society project is the “**Comfort Pack Drive**”. Items will be collected from Sept 1st to October 31. This endeavor will be helping children between the ages of 2 and 17 who are entering foster care, living with homelessness, or being rescued from trafficking. How unfortunate that these children need to move quickly, so they lack a bag to carry their limited personal items and clothing.

Melissa will be collecting **brand new items** for these children in need. These new items include:

- Back packs
- Pajamas for children aged 2 to 17
- Underwear for children aged 2 to 17
- Blankets
- Water bottles that are BPA free
- A comforting stuffed animal.

Donations boxes will be labeled and placed on the stage in our church hall.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, we will gratefully accept it and use the money to purchase needed items. Please make checks out to Melissa Society and send checks to
Chris Sarantopoulos
7 Brownville Ave
Ipswich, MA 01938

You may also give the checks to Chris in church.

We will be working with KDL Angels and HELPIS (Help Me Help Someone, Inc.) HMHS is a social network that promotes and encourages kind and charitable deeds.

If you have any questions or you are unable to leave off the items, please contact Janet Squires at 978-352-4281 or Chris Sarantopoulos at 978-500-6248 to arrange for pick up. Thank you for supporting the Melissa Society and for continuing to aid those in need.

Sunday School

Our Sunday school program will begin on Sunday, October 6th. Please arrive at 9:30am in the church hall. If you have not registered yet, please contact Elayne Georgoulakos at 978-618-3844 or email Sundayschool@greekorthodoxchurchipswich.org

We look forward to a wonderful year!!

[Sunday School Registration 2024-2025](#)

Greek School

Our Greek school program will begin on **Monday, October 7th**. Classes will be held in the church hall on Mondays **4:00pm – 6:00pm** with potential of adding days.

Yearly fees are as follows and must be paid prior to the 1st day of class.

- \$200 for the first child
- \$100 for each additional child
- \$400 maximum per family

Families are required to pre-register children First grade+ (ages 6+), prior to the commencement of the program.

To register please contact Marina Catalini at 978-810-0910.

As always, if there is a family hardship, please contact Father Chris privately at 774-372-9107.

Goya

We are excited to share that our GOYA participated in the Walk for Hospice on Sunday, September 29th! It was a wonderful way to kick off our year of fellowship and service.

We also held our GOYA Kickoff Meeting and have attached a tentative calendar of events. We encourage all youth from 5th to 12th grade to join us! GOYA is a great opportunity to meet new people, strengthen your faith, and enjoy fellowship within our church community.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!



GOYA Events Calendar

- October 20th GOYA Event TBD
- November 3rd GOYA Event/Meeting K1 Speed following Church
- November 10th Wreath Assembling
- December 7th Philoxenia House (Meet at Church 10:00am)
- December 15th GOYA Meeting/Holiday Party
- December TBD Christmas Caroling
- January 5th GOYA Meeting following Church in the Choir
- January 6th Dinner Bell (Tentative)
- January 18th GOYA Event TBD
- February Godparents Sunday Date TBD
- February 9th Superbowl Subs/GOYA Meeting to follow
- February 17th-21st Outing/Retreat (Trip Florida or NYC)
- March 9th Sunday of Orthodoxy all should attend Church outing to follow
- April 12th Setup for Palm Sunday Crosses

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Comedy Night- Thank you!

Comedy night with Ellen Karis was a lot of fun with many laughs had by all ! Thank you to the donors of the raffle items, those who purchased tickets and the 110 people who attended the evening . With your support we were able to generate approximately \$5500.00 for our church. Thank you to the committee members-Christine Galanis, Denise DeFrancesco, Ellie Sinkewicz, Gail Griffin, Mary Ann Tsoutsouras, Sandra Titcomb, Jackie Belezos, Connie Markos (& Melanie Keenan) who made food & desserts and supplied other goods and decorations necessary to make the evening such a success. Thank you to our emcee- Bill Belezos and sound engineer- Andrew Galanis with equipment from Will Galanis.

Congratulations to our raffle winners :

PGA Superstore - Danny Collins

Puddledock- Marlene Markos

Beauport - George L. Markos

Pomodori's Ipswich- Connie James

Gordon Florist- Jim Sagris

Ithaki -Justin Woodworth

Tonno- Greg Desses

Zabaglione- Kaitlin O'Malley

The Events Committee is always welcoming new members! Please consider joining in with your ideas and to help out on events. Please contact Mary Ann at 978-697-1484 or one of the above members for more info.



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